The statement that Secretary Shaw intended to leave the cabinet was reported, on the 27th, to be without foundation.

Representative Sibley, of Pennsylvania, on the 29th, introduced a bill in congress to prohibit the issuance and cashing of money orders on Sun-

Gov. Beckham of Kentucky, on the 27th, signed the bill passed by the legisla ure appropriating \$75,000 for a Kentucky exhibit at the Louislana Purchase exposition.

Justus C. Adams, ex-speaker of the Indiana house of representatives and one of the most prominent men of Indiana, died, on the 26th, at St. Vincent's infirmary, at Indianapolis, Ind.

Gen. Joseph Darr, formerly caref of staff of Gen. Rosecrans, and provost marshal-general of the department of the Missouri, died, on the 28th, at Washington, D. C. He was a member

Hezekiah A. Gudger, at present United States consul at Panama, on the 26th, formally applied for promotion to the place of minister to Panama, which is soon to be vacated by Mr. Buchanan.

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general of the Philippines, and now secretary of war, arrived in Washingthusiastically welcomed by a large crowd at the depot.

ning through the San Joaquin (Cal.) Railroad Co. paid the sum of \$10,000, was made to the company, on the 28th, through an anonymous letter.

On the twenty-ninth anniversary of his consecration as bishop of Kentucky, the funeral services over the remains of Thomas Underwood Dudley were held, on the 27th, in Christ Church cathedral, Louisville, Ky.

The house committee on pensions, on the 27th, unanimously agreed to report a bill to increase from \$12 to \$24 the monthly pension of Annie Waters, 98 years old, a widow of a soldier of the war of 1812, living in Ralls county, Mo.

The coldest weather in the history

receipts of the office were \$1,616,698, leaving a surplus of \$188,000.

Discharge on a writ of habeas corpus was refused, on the 27th, to Alderman John J. Brennan, of Chicago, who was sentenced to the bridewell, convicted of election fraud. The decision was rendered by Judge Brown, before whom the case had been pending for several

The funeral of Miss Sarah Catherine Schafer, victim of the Bedford (Ind.) tragedy, was held, on the 26th, at Trinity Methodist church, at Elkhart, Ind. The seating capacity of the church was doubly exhausted by the crowd. Many floral tributes came from a dis-

The Chicago Great Western railroad on the 27th, announced a further reduction on wheat and corn between Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis and Missouri river points. The new rate. effective January 30, makes a two-cent cut, reducing it to 12 cents on wheat and 11 cents on corn.

Rt. Hon. Lord Henry Frederick Thynne, second son of the third marquis of Bath, died, on the 28th, in London. He was born in 1832. He was a member of parliament for South Wilts from 1859 to 1885. From 1875 to 1880 Lord Thynne was treasurer of Queen Victoria's household.

Representative Tawney, of Minne sota, on the 26th, introduced a bill in congress giving exhibitors of foreign goods at the St. Louis exposition, on which the duty had been remitted, the right to sell such goods, for delivery at the close of the exposition, duties pre viously remitted to be paid in case

The committee in congress on invalid pensions, on the 29th, heard Commissioner of Pensions Ware and Chief Surgeon Huston, of that bureau, in favor of the Scott bill, to abolish local medical examining boards, and appoint 600 surgeons to make examination of pensioners and claimants for pensions.

Canton, O., on the 29th, observed President McKinley's birthday anniversary. Patriotic programmes were held in most of the schools, and the pink carnation was everywhere in evidence. Mrs. McKinley was driven to the cemetery in the afternoon with a large bunch of carnations for the tomb of the late president.

The north and central wings of the state school for indigent children, at Owatonna, Minn., was gutted by fire on the 25th. All the inmates taken from the building uninjured. Nineteen babies domiciled in the south wing were safely taken out. The loss was not stated, but there was insurance on the building of \$50,000.

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TOPICS OF THE DAY.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE.

FIFTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS.

(First Session.)

Senate—The senate, on the 25th, heard further discussion on the question of appointments to cince made during congressional recesses, listened to a speech on the isthnian cona, question by Mr. Morgan, and passed a number of bills of a semi-public character. Among the bills passed was one authorizing the creeting of a menument to the memory of John Paul Jones. The senate, at 5:02, went into executive session, and at 5:08 p. m. adjourned.... House—The house passed the army appropriation bill, charrying approximately \$15,00,000, after adopting a number of amendments. The provision for the consolidation of the adjurant-general's department and the record and pension offices of the war department into one bureau, to be known as the military secretary's office, was stricken from the bill on a point of order raised by Mr. Grosvehot, of Ohio. At 4:06 p. m. the louse adjourned.

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William S. Taft, former governor general of the Philippines, and now secretary of war, arrived in Washington, D. C. on the 27th. He was enthusiastically welcomed by a large crowd at the depot.

A threat to wreck every train running through the San Joaquin (Callyvalley, unless the Southern Pacific National Co. paid the sum of \$10,000, was made to the company, on the 28th, through an anonymous letter.

On the twenty-night anniversary of Senate—The senate proceedings, on the lours adjourned.

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both sides. At 5:47 p. m. the house adjourned.

Senate—The senate proceedings, on the 37th, included a speech by Mr. Simmons of North Carolina, in support of the Panama canal treaty, and the passage of a number of bills and resolutions. The resolution giving authority to the committee on privileges and elections to proceed with the investigation of the charges against Mr. Smoot, of Utah, was passed at 3:55, and at 4:50 adjourned.... House General debate in the house on the urgent deficiency bill digressed to a discussion of political topics, the race question and aerial navigation. Mr. Burkert, Nebraska, led off with a discussion of the charges attuation from a republican standpoint, and Mr. Cochran, Missourt, spoke for the democratic. Mr. C. B. Landis, Indiana, closed the day in a political speech lasting an hour. He declared that Mr. Rossevelt would be nominated on the record of his administration for his platform. At 5:35 the house adjourned.

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A passenger train on the Southern railroad was derailed east of Princeton, Ind., on the 3ist. The train was running at the rate of 20 miles an hour when it left the rails. The baggage can be democratic. Mr. C. B. Landis, Indiana, closed the day in a political standard of the political standard of the committee of the whole.

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of Bessemer, Mich., was experienced on the 28th. The temperature was 48 degrees below zero. Cattle were found frozen stiff in the barns by farmers. Teaming and all outdoor work was stopped.

The manuscript of Milton's "Paradist Lost" was offered for sale at auction in London, on the 25th, but the reserve price, \$25,000, not heing reached, it was withdrawn after a bid of \$23,750 had been made. No American was among the bidders.

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Senate—The senate, on the 29th, adopted the resolution introduced by Mr. Culberson for the democratic caucus, which 30th, retu the resolution introduced by Mr. Cuiberson for the democratic caucus, which
calls on the president to state whether
the senate has been supplied all the facts
bearing on the controversy of Panama.
There was during the debats frequent assurances that notwithstanding the modification all the papers bearing on the
question would be sent to the senate. The
senate, at 4:33, went finto executive session, and at 5:15 adjourned.... HouseThe house considered whether members
of congress are entitled to mileage a second time. The controversy arose on an
item in the urgent deficiency bill, providing for two payments of mileage for senators and members of the house on account of the extra session, which merged
into the regular session. A point of order
was raised by Mr. Maddox, of Georgia,
over the payment of mileage a second
time, and he was supported by Mr. Littlefield, of Maine, who contended that there
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PERSONAL AND GENERAL

Frank Dawson was sentenced, on the 28th, at Paris, Ill, to be hanged. March 18, for the murder of Miss Anna Hartman. Dawson killed the girl at a dance. A broken engagement caused the shooting.

the dental department of the University of Michigan in 1887, fired a bullet through his brain, on the 28th, and died soon after.

the Turkey Hill school, on the Freeburg road, five miles southeast of ing, on the 28th.

Four Italian laborers were killed in stantly, on the 28th, at Brownsville, fall down an air shaft, a distance of 550 feet.

The Chelsea plant of the Union Pot teries Co., at New Cumberland, W. 29th. It was an eight-kiln plant, and gave employment to 4,000 persons; loss \$50,000.

Secretary Root and former Gov.-Gen. Taft of the Philippines, his suc- house adjourned cessor as recretary of war, took luncheon with President Roosevelt, on

Fire, on the 28th, destroyed a new and unused grain elevator owned by R. E. Pratt & Co., of Chicago. The loss was \$75,000.

Mrs. Lulu Prince-Kennedy-Kramer, at Kansas City, Mo., on the 29th, was found not guilty of the murder of her former husband, Phillip Kennedy. Emotional insanity was her defense. The jury was out 12 hours. On the first trial, Mrs. Kennedy got ten

years. Harry West, an actor, of Chicago who shot and killed John C. Walsh in Ottawa, Ill., on the night of December 13 last, was, on the 29th, sentenced by Judge Bishop, in the circuit court, at Ottawa, to serve 20

years in the Illinois penitentiary.

The People's theater, a burlesque ouse, at Cincinnati, O., took fire, on he 29th. The fire was extinguished with small loss. It originated in the callery from a candle which workmen

had been using while making repairs. W. A. McKewan, ex-secretary of the University of California, pleaded guilty, at Oakland, Cal., on the 29th to the charge of embezzlement. He will be sentenced on February 12. The Twelfth infantry, now at Salt

ake City, Utah, was, on the 29th, lesignated to relieve the Twenty-ninth infantry from duty in the Philippines Satisfied with the findings of the proner's jury that investigated the Chicago Iroquois theater fire, the independent prosecution started by Arthur E. Hull, whose whole family perisaed in the disaster, was, on the 29th, formally abandoned in court.

The Missouri, Kansas & Texas Ratiroad Co., on the 29th, announced a 12cent rate on wheat and corn from Kansas City, Mo., to Galveston, Tex., effective February 1. The recent rate was 17 cents on wheat and 16 cents on corn.

The Kentucky senate, on the 29th, by a vote of 23 to 9, defeated a resolution indorsing President Roosevelt's action in the matter of the Panama treaty.

provincial of the Order of St. Viateur, died, on the 29th, at Phoenix, Ariz. He was born in Rowdon, Canada, 48 years ago. Harry D. Egbert, who murdered John G. Saxton and John West, last

October, was hanged, on the 29th, at

LATE NEWS ITEMS.

House-The house, on the 30th, voted unanimously to strike from the urgent second payment of mileage to the senators and representatives of this congress, and then passed the urgent deficiency bill. This action was the climax to an exciting discussion of the mileage problem begun on the 29th, first on the point of order against the provision by Mr. Maddox, of Georgia, and then on a motion to strike out, made by Mr. Underwood, of Alabama. An amendment by Mr. Grosvenor providing for the return of the mileage to the treaury was agreed

against Police Captain Edwin Ander- rl. He says Hall told him that he was son, of Sioux City, Ia., charged with coming back to reimburse his bondsaccepting bribes from an owner of slot machines.

The republican county central committee met at Lamar Mo. on the 30th. and called a convention for Saturday. February 27, to select delegates to the state convention to be held at Kansas

City. Smate-In the senate on the 1st Mr Dietrich, of Nebraska, made a request for an investigation into charges which he was tried recently by a federal court in his own state, and the senate granted the request, the president pro tem appointing a committee consisting of Messrs. Hoar, Platt of Connecticut, Spooner, Cockrell and Pettus to make the inquiry. The remainder of the day was devoted to an argument by Mr. Morgan in support of the resolution introduced by Mr. Stone directing the senate committee on foreign relations to make an investiga-Dr. William D. Saunders, a native of tion into the Panania revolution. When Ann Arbor, Mich., who graduated from Mr. Morgan concluded, the senate passed the bill permitting the building of a dam across the Mississippi at Sank River, Minn. At 3:50 the senate went into executive session, and at Don Miller, 13 years old, a pupit at 4:50 adjourned..... House-The proceedings in the house were enlivened by a spirited discussion of the Panama Belleville, Ill., was fatally burned in question. Mr. Thayer, of Massachua fire that destroyed the school build- setts, declared the course of this government in Panama to have been contrary to the provisions of the treaty with New Granada, Mr. Grosvener, of Pa., through being crushed under a Ohio, made a vigorous defense of the 400-pound weight, following a terrible administration, and said the brightest star that shines in the pathway of the candidate of the republican party is his course in the Panama canal question. He advised the democrats to keep away Va., was destroyed by fire, on the from Panama as an issue. With District of Columbia business disposed of, the house took up the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill, consideraion of which was pending when the

After a brief sitting, the supreme court of the United States adjourned on the first, to meet again on the 23d. The adjournment was for the purpose of affording opportunity to give consideration of cases which have been argued, including the Northern Se-

curities merger case. Following the lead of Gov. W. J. Bailey, of Kansas, who withdrew from the race for governor, Morton Albaugh, chairman of the republican state central committee during the last three campaigns, on the 1st announced that he would not be a candidate for re-

Gov. William H. Taft took the oath of office as secretary of war on the 1st, and at once entered upon his new duties. The ceremony took place in the large reception room attached to the secretary's office in the war department, at Washington, D. C.

Missouri State Gleanings.

A STORY OF HARD LUCK.

It Would Have Been Far Cheaper for George Lester to Have Paid His License.

George Lester, living near Lesterville, Reynolds county, was taken to St. tne liquor business, both legal and ilro in a prize hard-luck story.

and he could not manufacture goods to was issued at the annex substation, the limit in quantity that he was al- say post office clerks, but was mailed then began dealing in whisky in a sent from the St. Louis post office to small way without a license, it is said, the local post office, but as Mr. Diss his farm. For this he was arrested and lieved that it is assumed. Diss went back and resumed business, it is of that amount. Very Rev. A. Corcoran, of Chicago

Soon he was roundly, denounced from the pulpit by a neighboring minister of the Gospel in the presence of his wife and children, who were in the church. The next day Lester and the minister met in the road. The latter spoke to the liquor manufacturer pleasantly, and reached out to shake hands. Lester, it is said, seized the "sky pilot's" proffered hand in his right, while with his left he pummelled the min-ister's face. This meeting with the deficiency bill the provisions for the minister, he says, cost him about \$500 in fine, costs and lawyer's fees, and he had just about gotten square again when he was arrested by Deputy Wild.

Lester has a wife and seven children. Honey the Building Material.

World's fair, H. F. Stapel, editor of the Rock Port Mail, is the architect, and tinguished by the theater fireman. his bees are the builders. A year or two ago Mr. Staple erected a handsome office building. Last summer he conceived the idea of reproducing, in the miniature, his building in honey. He placed a hive in exact imitation of the Staple block, and then his bees got busy. In a few months every facade, and every nook and corner, was covered with a thin coating of pure Missouri honey. This odd exhibit will be housed in the Missouri display in the palace of agriculture.

Frank Siegel Discharged. All cases against Frank Siegel, former president of the defunct Siegel-Sanders Live Stock Commission Co., who was charged with embezzlement death from some unknown cause." on seven indictments, were dismissed

A jury in the district court, on the agent of the Hannibal & St. Joseph brought the news to Missou men, including interest to date.

Large Gain in Deposits. The statements of Kansas City national banks, published, in response to pectations, in which Russia is much the call of the comptroller of the currency, show a gain of \$6,500,000 in deposits since November 17, when the sul, and expressed himself as much last preceding statements were published. The gain is the greatest ever made in a corresponding period. It reflects the return from the country of the currency shipped out last fall to

move crops. To Take a Special Census. Gov. Dockery has appointed John Sherwood, of Moberly, special census taker of that city. A question has been raised at Moberly concerning the population of that city, and it is necessary to know whether Moberly has a popu lation of more or less than 10,000 in-

habitants in order that the tax levy may be increased from 50 to 60 cents. The President Chipped In.

Enlisted men of the new battleship Missouri are rejoicing over the possession of a fine plane, toward the purchase of which President Roosevelt has been a material contributor. Hearing of the movement to procure an instrument, he sent a check for \$100.

Cuban Editors Coldly Greeted. A party of Cuban editors were wel comed in St. Louis by the coldest weather of the winter and a blinding snow storm, greatly to their astonish-

Sedalia Man Disappears. A. Lee Casebeer, car inspector for the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railway in Sadalia for 20 years, disappeare

rom his home in a mysterieus manner. Died son a Train. Clair Commons, aged 46, a former Kansas City business man, died on a Burlington train near St. Joseph. He

had been in ill health for some time. Poolish Husband. Because his wife had roast beef for dinner when he wanted roast pork, John Harrison, of St. Louis, swallowed

carbolic acid. He may die. Girl Marked for Life. Miss Virginia Butts, aged 16, was attacked by an unknown man, in St. charged with conducting a fraudulent Louis, who threw carbolic acid in her face, marking her for life.

Injuries Prove Fatal. William Troegle, the Katy engineer who was injured in the wreck of the Katy Flyer at Boonville, died from the effects of his injuries.

Charged With Murder. The St. Louis county grand jury re turned an indictment charging George Schaefer with killing his father.

SCRUPULOUS CONSCIENCE.

He Sends a Maryville Man a Money Order For the Sam of One Dollar,

"Scrupulous Conscience," who has been making things interesting in St. Louis and lodged in jail on a charge Louis, has struck Maryville. J. S. Diss, of selling whisky without a govern- a retired farmer living in that ment license. Lester has a record in city, received a letter containing a money order for \$1. The letter tallies licit, but his history since engaging in very closely in construction and handthe unlicensed trade makes him the he- writing with the mysterious letters that have been sent to St. Louis offi-Lester formerly ran a distillery in a cials and public men. The writing on small way, distilling fruit chiefly, but the envelope betrays that it was adpaid his license. Fruit became scarce, pressed by another. The money order lowed by the terms of his license, 30 from the St. Louis general post office. he allowed his license to lapse. He C. E. Smith is the name on the advice taking the goods to a small cave on knows no one of that name, it is begiven a fine, which he paid. Then he think of no one that has wronged him

Actor Prevents Panie.

A serious panic was prevented at the Grand theater in Kansas City by the presence of mind of Nat Willis, who occupied the center of the stage when as electric light burned out, setting fire to a curtain in the north wing of the stage. When the small blaze was seen creeping along the edge of the curtain by the audience, women began to scream and men arose from their seats preparatory to making a hasty exit. Willis, who had been singing a song, immediately shouted: "For God's sake, keep your seats and remain quiet. Six hundred people were killed in a Chicago theater, recently, by becoming panic-stricken and trampling them-selves to death." The words of the A "print shop" built of honey will actor seemed to impress the large be one of the things to be seen at the audience, which remained quiet, and one minute later the fire had been ex-

Mystery at Westbank. A headless body was found on the tracks of the St. Louis & Gulf railway at Westbank, near the Thebes bridge approach. The head and feet were found on the opposite side of the track, with very few bloodstains where the body was found. Later another body, which was also badly multilated, was found in the lower end of the yards. There was nothing found in the pockets of either by which to identify or of value. The supposition is that each one had been robbed, murdered and placed on the railroad track to cover the crime. The coroner's jury verdict

in each case was "party came to his

A concession has been obtained by A Cella & Co., of East St. Louis, for the reproduction at the World's fair of the old courthourse at Cahokia. The courthouse is the oldest municipal building in the state of Illinois. It antedates the building at old Kaskaskia by several years, although Kaskaskia City was settled a few years before county suddenly while occupying the rebuild it on the World's fair grounds. He will work in conjunction with Mr Norcisse Bordeaux, who expects to exhibit photographs of the old gravevard, the church and other scenes in

Russian Journalist Arrives.

St. Louis, the other day, with a special commission from the Russian government to give the imperial Russian commission to the fair direct information as to all the conditions existing as to the fulfillment of the World's fair exinterested. Mr. Brisk paid a hurried visit to the fair with the Russian conpleased with what he saw. He probably will prepare a report to his gov ernment to this effect.

New Method to Raise Mushrooms. Announcement is made by Dr. E. M. Dugger, of the department of horticul ture, Missouri university, that he has discovered a new method of growing mushrooms that will make them cheap as notatoes. After several years of experimenting, Dr. Dugger says he has discovered that new crops can be grown from the tissue of mushroom heads. It is believed by the state horticultural officials that mushrooms can be cultivated so cheaply by this new process that importation of foreign product will be greatly curtailed and finally stopped.

Killed His Assailant. James Reich was shot and killed at Everton by George W. Hamick, after having fired at Hamick because of an old grudge. Reich went to Hamick's nome, forced his way into the house and fired at Hamick with a revolver Hamick seized a shotgun and shot Reich through the heart. Hamick immediately surrendered to the authori

Prosperous Smithville. Smithville is experiencing a boon Iwenty-two buildings were erected in 1903, besides three chicken coops,

four pig pens and a new well of two. St. Louis commission merchants au ticipate a potato famine, and, as a consequence, the prices are soaring. The last year floods are responsible.

Charged With Swindling. A man named Smithson was arrested at Clayton on the charge of swindling \$2,000 from Samuel Williamson by means of a fake prize fight.

In Trouble With Uncle Sam. W. S. Wood and Alfred J. Wharton employment bureau, were arrested at the post office in St. Louis.

Where Is Het Mrs. L. von Achen, of St. Louis, of fers a reward of \$50 for information concerning her husband, who disappeared two weeks ago.

Reg Cholers in Saline County. 'The firm of Gregory & West, cattle feeders in Saline county, report the loss of 480 head of hogs by cholera.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

Wants to Stay in Prison. Moses Wright was discharged from the penitentiary in June last, after serving 18 months of a two-year term. He was sent to the prison from Hannibal, a federal prisoner. He did not leave the county when released, and was returned there, after a trial in the circuit court, to complete the original sentence. This made him a Cole county prisoner. His term has expired, but he has not left the prison, and if releazed he can not be compelled to leave the county. He is begging for permission to remain at the prison, and, being half-witted, his plea may be granted during the continuance of the se vere cold weather, that he may not be-

come a charge upon the county or per-Propose \$80,000 Building.

haps lose his life from exposure.

At a meeting of the Missouri University Young Men's Christian association it was decided to erect an \$80,000 association building in Columbia. Paul Super, general secretary of the Missouri university association, has returned from an extended visit to several of the leading university associations of the middle west. At these associations he studied the methods by which money was raised for the erection of the buildings, and the work of raising money for the Missouri building will be under his directions. It is proposed to make an active canvass for funds among the alumni, students and faculty of the university. The association members are sanguine of success in their undertaking.

Rolls Students Indignant

At the meeting of the board of curators of the state university, held in Columbia, the new engineering building at the school of mines and metallurgy at Rolla was officially named "Norwood hall," in honor of a former professor of the university at Columbia. The students at the school of mines felt considerably chafed at the building not being named after some one prominently connected with the school. This feeling crystallized into an indignation meeting, and the students painted in large letters over the front entrance, "Ladd hall." On coming to the school the next morning Director Ladd ordered the name erased at once.

Fell Into the River.

Charles Floyd, Peter Golden, John Hanecy and Timothy O'Brien, workmen on the new Burlington bridge across Cuivre river, four miles south of Troy, fell from the middle span of the bridge into the river, but were rescued by fellow-workmen. The men were not seriously injured, and walked to Troy in their bare feet. They were almost frozen when they arrived there to consult a doctor.

Teacher Wins in Damage Case.

A verdict was returned in the circuit court at Mexico for the defendant in the suit of Maggie E. Caldwell for \$1,000 damages against Miss Estella Snidow. The plaintiff received a whipping at the hands of Miss Snidow last foll, Miss Snidow being her teacher at Seed Tick school, southeast of Mexico. The plaintiff claimed that the Cahokia. Mr. Cella has commenced the demolition of the building, and will building, and will ciful.

Missourian Heir to Fortune. It has just been discovered that John Shellenberger, an old farmer, 80 years of age, who resides six miles southwest of Rich Hill, is the only living heir to an estate valued at \$5,000,000. Alexander Brisk, of St. Petersburg, & Some six months ago Henry A. Schelresided in the state of Oregon, died leaving a very large estate, and Shellenberger is his only heir.

Receiver for Altamont Bank.

Secretary of State Sam B. Cook has appointed John W. Mad, president of the Farmers' exchange bank at Galatin, a special agent to take charge of the affairs of the bank at Altamont until a receiver is appointed by the court. The bank is a private one, with capital stock of \$5,000. Secretary Cook states that its depositors will be naid in full.

A Change Anticipated. It is expected that there will be change in the postmastership at Mexico, and George Kunkel and R. H Kernan are circulating petitions in anicipation of the change. The former is a grocery manager, and the letter a deputy under the present postmaster,

Dawson Must Hang.

The agreement for a new trial in the Dawson case was heard by Judge Eby at Paris, and the petition was refused Judge Eby then called for the prisoner and sentenced him to hang, fixing March 18 as the date.

Twenty-Eight Years for Dunton. Frank C. Dunton, who killed Emil Meyer, a street railway conductor, was convicted of second degree murder at Sedalia, and punishment was fixed a 28 years in the penitentiary.

Drank Carbolle Acid. William R. Mannheimer, of Chicago, committed suicide in the St. Louis un ion station by drinking carbolic acid

Missourian Elected President. J. R. Moorehead, of Lexington, was elected president of the Southwestern Lumberman's association at their an

No cause is known for his rash act.

nual convention in Kansas City. Eight Laborers Hurt. A hand car carrying eight Greek la borers was struck by a Chicago & Alton freight train near Mexico, and al'

Judge John J. Sawyer, aged 71, die1 at his home at Fruitland. For many years he was prominent in politics and business enterprises.

were more or less injured.

Pneumonia Epidemic. St. Louis is in the throes of a pnuionia epidemic. One hundred and eighteent deaths occurred from that disease in January.

Death of Judge J. F. Hale. Judge J. F. Hale, aged 65, dled at West Plains, after a lingering illness with stomach trouble

TAFT TAKES OATH AS SECRETARY OF WAR

Former Governor-General of Philippines Succeeds Root In Cabinet.

WAS AN IMPRESSIVE - EVENT

Ceremony Took Place in War Department Amid Congratulations and Good-Bys for Retiring and Incoming Secretaries.

Washington, Feb. 2.-Gov. William H. Taft took the oath of office as secretary of war Monday and at once entered upon his new duties. The ceremony took place in the large reception room attached to the secretary's office in the war department, and the transfer of authority from Elihu Root, the retiring secretary, to Gov. Taft, while simply made, was more impressive than any similar event in many years. Before noon, the appointed hour, Gov. Taft came over to the department from his hotel with a little party of personal friends and some of his immediate family. They were ushered into Secretary Root's office, where the retiring secretary, in a few well chosen words and with a good deal of feeling, sur-rendered his portfolio to Gov. Taft. The party then proceeded to the recep-tion room, where Gen. Chaffee, chief of staff, in uniform, took charge or the ceremonies. The room was cleared of all except the participants in the induction save the party of friends and members of the general staff.

Congratulations and Good-Bys. Gov. Taft and Secretary Root took their places at the long table, where stood John Randolph, a notary, who administered the oath of office to the incoming secretary. Then there were congratulations showered on Secretary Taft and good-bys were said to Secretary Root. Every army officer on duty in Washington was aligned at the doorway and the brilliantly uniformed column, passing before the retiring and incoming secretaries, formed a pretty spectacle. Secretary Taft was in the best of spirits, and he had a smile and good word for everyone, while Secretary Root showed in his countenance the relief he felt in laying down the cares of the office.

History Repeats Itself. Hanging in his office as the new secretary was inducted into the arduous duties of his post was a picture of his distinguished father, Alphonso Taft, who was President Grant's secretary of war in 1876. Thus father and son have held the same portfolio, this being the second instance in the history of the war department, the first being presented in the incumbency of Simon Cameron, under Lincoln, and James D. Cameron, his son, under Grant. There is a single other case of the kind in government history, where Gideon Granger was postmaster general under Jefferson and Madison, and Francis Granger, his son, under Harrison and

PRESIDENT'S FAREWELL TO ROOT.

Walked From White House to Say Good Bye to Retiring Secretary. Washington, Feb. 2.-The president walked from the White House to the residence of former Secretary Root, in Jackson square, shortly before train time Monday afternoon, personally to say good-by to the retiring Secretary and Mrs. Root. As the president came up Executive avenue, troop E of the Fifteenth cavalry was lined up in ted journalist of that city, arrived in lenberger, a wealthy lemberman, who front of the secretary's house, ready to escort him to the station. The president went at once to the secretary's study, where he was soon followed by Lieut, Gen. Chaffee, chief of staff, and his assistants, Maj. Gens. Gillespie and Bliss. Gov. Taft, the new secretary, came a few minutes later. After ten minutes' conversation the party emerged from the house, the president walking with Mrs. Root, whom he assisted into the carriage. He then, with firm grip of the hand, bade the secretary a feeling farewell. After closing the carriage door himself, the president turned, and, bowing to the crowd which had gathered, walked rapidly back to the White House. The Secretary and Mrs. Root drove to the station, preceded by the troop of cavalry and followed by the new secretary of war, the chief of staff and his assist

> Mr. and Mrs. Root left Washington for New York, where Mr. Root will re-

sume the practice of law. **BOURKE COCHRAN NOMINATED**

To Fill the Vacancy Caused by the Resignation of George B. Me-Clellan of New York.

New York, Feb. 2 .- W. Bourke Cockran was nominated as the democratic candidate for congress in the Twelfth New York district at the convention held Monday night in the headquarters of the Tammany Central association. The nomination is to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Mc-Clellan, now mayor of New York. Mr. Cockran accepted the nomination.

IRRELEVANCIES

Charity covers a multitude of sins but discretion more than many multi-

A portrait of Marconi is to be engraved on one of a new issue of Italian stamps. The first kiss of love is all right in its

way, but it don't cause half the excitement of the first tooth. Marriage is like the in mortal jests we coin in our sleep; when we awake it's not such a good jest after all.

I don't object to my tailor refusing to give me credit for clothes; but I do think that he ought to give me credit for good intentions.

While the subject of the protection of the public in theaters is being discussed. would it not be well for the reformers to onsider if there be any remedy for the cakewalk?

Lewis P. Abbott, for 30 years a member of the Boston fire department, a part of that time holding the office of district chief, retired on a pension of \$1,000 yearly on New Year's day. He has missed but four fires in his district during his term of service.